

Historical Monarchy

ELIZABETH I OF ENGLAND

ELIZABETH CHILDHOOD.

Elizabeth I of England, daughter of Henry VII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn, was born 7th September 1533. Her much awaited birth was a huge disappointment to King Henry who longed for a male heir. Everyone had predicted the birth of a boy.

When his mother, Anne Boleyn, was beheaded Elizabeth was declared illegitimate, as her half-sister, Mary. She

wasn't treated very well and her father sent her to a royal estate.

Her half-brother, Edward VI, ruled as king until his death in 1553, whereupon he bequeathed the crown to Lady Jane Grey, cutting his two half-sisters out of the succession in spite of statute law to the contrary. His will was set aside, Mary became queen, and Lady Jane



Queen Elizabeth in her early 20s

Grey was executed. In 1558, Elizabeth succeeded her half-sister, during whose reign she had been imprisoned for nearly a year on suspicion of supporting Protestant rebels.

EVENTS OF HER LIFE

1533. ELIZABETH WAS BORN	1
1535. HER MOTHER WAS BEHEADED	2
1553. HER HALF-BROTHER EDWARD DIED	3
1558. ELIZABETH BEGAN TO RULE	4
1603. QUEEN ELIZABETH DIED.	5

LOVE QUESTION

It said that Robert Dudley, the man she truly loved, could not marry, he was already wed. When his wife died, in 1560, mysteriously a few years la-

ter, Dudley was implicated. He was not in attendance at the house, Cumnor Place where she was staying. But it was thought that he ordered her mur-

der, so he could marry the queen. However, it is also assumed that Robert would have been smart enough.